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RE: MUR 5697

Missouri Democratic State Committee

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

This is in response to your letter dated February 3, 2006, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe findings that are based on the Audit Report issued September 7, 2005.

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations and the lack of showing any good cause for an extension, the Office of the General Counsel cannot grant your request. Accordingly, the initial response date remains the same and is due by close of business on February 7, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1548.

Sincerely,

Elena Paoli Attorney